



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Spring Term 2023 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very happy New Year!

Year 4 Team: Miss Clayton, Mr. Price, Miss Beckwith, Miss Parker, Mrs. Darwin, Miss Hyde and Mrs. Smethurst
Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Miss Clayton

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: This term we are focusing on fractions, decimals, multiplication and division. The children will learn equivalent fractions and find fractions of different quantities. They will also consolidate their knowledge of written addition and subtraction strategies, and mental multiplication and division. This will be supplemented by work on describing positions on a 2D grid as coordinates.

Please practise times tables at home regularly with your child, this is particularly important in Year 4 when they complete a compulsory multiplication check at the end of the year.

English: During this term our focus reading text is "Empire's End", which we use to develop a range of skills in reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Our supplementary reading text is 'Escape from Pompeii'.

Religious Education: The children will learn about prayer. Their second topic is 'Exploring Easter' as a story of betrayal and trust.

Science: Topic 1: Teeth: The children will look at identifying different types of teeth and their functions.
Topic 2: Digestion: The children will look at how food is transported around the body using scientific vocabulary.

Computing: Topic 1: 3D Game- Purple Mash (2DIY 3D).
Topic 2: Story Adventure Purple Mash (2Connect)
Topic (History and Geography):

Topic (History): The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

Music: Year 4 will be continuing the Wider Opportunities Music scheme. Lessons are on a Wednesday and all children must have their violin, viola or cello in school on this day.

Physical Education: This term the children will be taking part in Sportshall Athletics and gymnastics.

Art and Design: The children will be working with various media to produce an Anglo-Saxon Sutton Hoo mask.

Design and Technology: The children will design a church using electrical circuits.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): Children will explore the themes of relationships and living in the wider world.

French: The children will be learning colours and months of the year.

Spring Term Focus Theme: "The Rotten Romans"

Focus Reading Text: Empire's End: A Roman Story by Leila Rasheed

Recommended Websites:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Home Learning: All home learning is now set via Purple Mash. Please make sure that your child checks 2email in Purple Mash for information about home learning.

Spellings: Children will be given a spelling list every Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents/Carers are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

We ask parents/carers to sign and date reading records every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of **four** entries/comments a week). This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. Reading records must be brought into school on your child's allocated day, for teachers to monitor.

Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book and library book once a week on an allocated library afternoon.

Year 4 library day is on a Wednesday —Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and library book on this day if they wish to change it.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high-quality texts in class, including 'Reading for Pleasure' books, and 'Related Reads', which are linked to their focus theme.

Please also visit our website to view our 'Reading Round-Up', 'Author of the Month', 'Reading Challenges', 'Reading Wall of Fame', 'Reading Rabbits' and 'Patron of Reading'.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Maths: Children in Year 1 to 6 have got access to **TT Rockstars**, a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#) Please encourage your child to this online programme on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Spring Term 2023 Diary Dates:



Wednesday 4th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
Thursday 5th January	Non-Uniform Day for Leigh & Smalley House Point Winners in Year 3 and 5
Friday 6th January	Non-Uniform Day for Leigh & Smalley House Point Winners (Y1, 2, 4 & 6)
Friday 27th January	Non-Uniform Day for January birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 26 th Jan)
Friday 17th February	Non-Uniform Day for February birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 16 th Feb)
Friday 17th February	School closes for Half Term
Monday 27th February	School reopens for Spring Term 2
Thursday 16th March	Parents' Evening 6 – 8pm
Friday 17th March	Mothers' Day Services at Church (9.30am Rec. & KS1, 10.30am KS2)
Tuesday 21st March	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 24th March	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Bingo (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 23 rd March)
Friday 31st March	Palm Praise Services at Church (9.30am Rec. & KS1, 10.30am KS2)
Friday 31st March	Non-Uniform Day for March birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 30 th March)
Friday 31st March	School closes for Easter holiday

Spring Term 2023 Worship Themes:

w/c 2.1.23	Epiphany
w/c 9.1.23	Joy
w/c 16.1.23	Christian Unity
w/c 23.1.23	Baptism
w/c 30.1.23	Candlemas – Presentation of Christ in the Temple
w/c 6.2.23	Trust
w/c 13.2.23	Forgiveness
w/c 27.2.23	St. David's Day
w/c 6.3.23	Fair
w/c 13.3.23	Mothering Sunday
w/c 20.3.23	Preparation – How we prepare ourselves
w/c 27.3.23	Palm Praise

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

PE Uniform: PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday**. Swimming lessons will take place on **Monday**. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper, cardigan or hoody, and navy/black shorts, or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in inclement weather.

Handwriting Pens (KS2): Teachers will issue a 'Pen License' if and when your child is ready to make the transition from pencil to pen.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 4.30pm.

Pets: Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black. Long hair should be tied back.

Earrings: Children are not permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

Snacks: Children may bring in a snack of either toast or a piece of fruit for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars are not permitted at playtime. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

Birthday Celebrations: We will continue to invite children to wear non-uniform on the last Friday of the month of their birthday. Children will not be required to bring in a party snack.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that you child's class teacher is provided with medication that is within its expiry date and is clearly labelled. You will be required to complete a medical form from the school office.